



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:** Howard Tanner, *et al.*  
**Application No.:** 10/687,622  
**Divisional Application of Application No.:** 09/108,191  
**Filed:** July 1, 1998  
**For:** METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE SURGICAL REPAIR OF ANEURYSMS  
**Attorney Docket No.:** 23660-00610

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION REQUIREMENT AND  
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner of Patents  
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Dear Sirs:

In response to the May 2, 2006 Office Action, Applicants choose Group I, claims 75-77, 96-102, and 108-112 for examination. Nonetheless, Applicants' amendments to the claims herein are thought to resolve the need for a restriction of the claims since independent claim 103 has been amended to depend on independent claim 75. Thus, the current claim set, claims 75-77 and 96-112 includes only independent claims 75 and 108 from Group I.

Likewise, with regards to the election of species requirement, Applicant notes that the amendment to claim 103 removes Group II from the election of species requirement.

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.